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SUBJECT: NEW MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA: P.G.LIM

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1. BIO DATA ON NEW MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO AUSTRIA LIM P(HAIK) G(AN) FOLLOWS PER REQUEST REFTEL. BORN LONDON, JUNE 29, 1918. EDUCATED: PENANG CONVENT SCHOOL; BARRISTER-AT-LAW LINCOLN'S INN, LONDON; MA HISTORY AND LAW CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. HAS TRAVELED ABROAD EXTENSIVELY, INCLUDING VISIT TO US AS IVP GRANTEE 1967-68. MARRIED TWICE WITH CHILD BY EACH MARRIAGE CURRENTLY DIVORCED AND PREFERS TO BE KNOWN AS MISS LIM

2. MALAYSIAN AMBASSADOR TO YUGOSLAVIA SINCE APRIL 1973, SHE FORMERLY WAS DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO UN (1971-73), A MEMBER OF GOM DELEGATION TO UNGA 1967, AND ATTENDED ALGIERS NON-ALGINED SUMMIT CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. PRIOR TO ENTERING DIPLOMATIC SERVICE WAS PRACTICING ATTORNEY ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DOMESTIC POLITICS. ALTHOUGH A FAIRLY CONSTANT CRITIC OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS NEVERTHELESS RESPECTED FOR HER VIEWS. SHE WAS, FOR EXAMPLE, NAMED TO THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL WHICH SERVED AS SOUNDING BOARD FOR EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT WHICH RAN MALAYSIA FROM 69-71 DURING SUSPENSION OF PARLIAMENT. WAS A FOUNDER OF THE NOW-DEFUNCT LABOR PARTY WHICH WAS SUPPRESSED BY
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GOVERNMENT FOR ITS COMMUNIST LEANINGS, WHILE MOTIVATED BY SOCIALIST

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IDEOLOGY AND FORTHRIGHT IN HER OPPOSITION TO MALAY ETHNOCENTRISM, SHE RECOGNIZED AS SINCERE BY BOTH TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAND AND PRIME MISITER RAZAK WHO VALUE HER OPINIONS.

3. AMB LIM DESCRIBES SELF AS FABIAN SOCIALIST, HS STRONG SYMPATHIES FOR UNDERDOG AND HAS LONG BEEN SUPPORTER OF SUCH CAUSES AS INCREASED AID FOR LDC'S. AN EFFECTIVE SPEAKER WITH A CAUSTIC WIT SHE IS ALSO NOTED FOR HER FEMININE CHARM. HAS FLAIR FOR THE ARTS AND COLLECTS ANTIQUE FURNITURE AND PORCELAIN.

4. EMBASSY BELGRADE MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HER ACTIVITIES THERE.
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